III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION TO POSTPONE NON-OFFICIAL BILL—MOTION UNDER RULE 79 OF THE COUNCIL RULES.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, under rule 79 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I move—

'That the consideration of the Madras Panchayats (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.C. Bill No. 1 of 1965) given notice of by Sri S. K. Sambandhan, be postponed to the next non-official day,'

Sir, the reason for asking for adjournment of consideration of the Bill to the next non-official day is that we have not yet received final reports from the Collectors in regard to the manner in which some of the Panchayat Councils have functioned. We have some reports in which it is indicated that even after the passing of the Panchayats Act, some have continued to function as Panchayat courts. It is totally illegal. If the position is so, then the Government would like to consider the whole question and themselves come forward with a Bill to meet the situation. I therefore move for the postponement of the consideration of the Bill given notice of by the hon. Member Sri Sambandhan.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : I have no objection, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the consideration of the Madras Panchayats (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.C. Bill No. 1 of 1965), given notice of by Sri S. K. Sambandhan, be postponed to the next non-official day.'

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

(i) BILL.

The Madras Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1965 3–20 p.m.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Mr. Chairman, I beg leave of the House . . . .

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, the Hon. the Home Minister wants to make a statement.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Sir, item (2) under Non-official business—Bills—is a private Bill standing in the name of Sri S. K. Sambandhan. The title of the Bill is ' The Madras Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1965.' Sir, a similar Bill, which will have the same effect, was moved by the Government in the Legislative Assembly on August 3, 1965. In this circumstance, I request Sri S. K. Sambandhan not to move his Bill.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, in view of the fact that a Government Bill of the same nature has already been introduced in the Legislative Assembly, I withdraw my Bill.